

REMARKS


Claims 51-55 have been withdrawn, claim 29 has been canceled, and claims 1, 2, and 31 have been amended. Claims 1-28 and 30-50 are currently pending. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application covering any of the subject matter deleted by the foregoing amendment. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's identifying allowable subject matter in claims 29-32. See the Office Action at page 3. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 2 to include the limitations of canceled claim 29. Amended claims 1 and 2 now require that the magnetically activatable means for stirring comprises a magnetic stir bar.

Regarding the rejection of claims 20-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Applicants note that each of these claims adds a limitation to the process of claim 1. Claims 20-25 define aspects of the grinding media required in step b of claim 1. Claims 26-28 define the amounts of the grinding media relative to the suspension recited in step a of claim 1. Claims 29-31 define the magnetically activatable means for stirring required in step b of claim 1. Claim 31 has been amended for clarity.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments render claims 1-28 and 30-50 patentable. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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